

improve Amtrak, Baldwin Field, locks and dams, and a port district. Tom worked with elected officials at every level of government, regardless of party, so Illinois and the surrounding States' residents could have a better life.

For his work in media and improving the region, Tom received numerous awards. From the Quincy Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame to being the first recipient of the annual Boy Scout community service award, he was a deeply honored person. In 2020, he was inducted into the Gold Circle by the Mid-America Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, one of television's highest honors.

Tom also was generous financially. The Oakley family made the single largest philanthropic investment in the history of Quincy University, focusing on scholarships, academic facility improvements, and support programs. Earlier this year, Tom announced a \$1 million gift to Culver-Stockton College to establish the Tri-State Development Summit at the school.

Tom inspired a legacy that will continue and channel regional cooperation. He was fiercely loyal to both his family and his community, and I am fortunate to call him a friend. We will miss his leadership. His life was a life well-lived. Tom is survived by his son Ralph, his daughter Mary, his many grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Tom, like his beloved Western Illinois, will not be forgotten.

(At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the following statement was ordered to be printed in the RECORD.)

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

• Mr. BENNET. Madam President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 148. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 149. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 150. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 151. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 152. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 153. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 154. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 155. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 156. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 157. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 158. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted yea.

I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 159. Had I been present for the vote, I would have voted nay. •

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. HAWLEY. Mr. President, had there been a recorded vote, I would have voted no on the Motion to Instruct Conferees from Mr. MENENDEZ that moves that the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 4521 be instructed to insist upon the provisions contained in section 73003 of the Senate amendment (relating to establishment of an Inspector General of the Office of the United States Trade Representative).

#### VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. SCOTT of Florida. Madam President, if there had been a recorded roll call vote on the Menendez motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 4521, USICA, I would have voted no.

If there had been a recorded roll call vote on the Kelly motion to instruct conferees in relation to H.R. 4521, USICA, I would have voted no.

#### REMEMBERING GERRY FRANK

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I speak today to honor the memory of an esteemed and beloved Oregonian who spent his life bettering our State. On March 13, Oregon lost its most devoted citizen and advocate: Gerry Frank.

Gerry's life and service to Oregon has inspired so many to learn, laugh about, and love what makes Oregon so special: our State's jaw-dropping beauty, our unique independence, and our incredible capacity to land on our feet. And Gerry has always done it in his own special way. No one I know has managed to do as much good as Gerry Frank with a simple piece of chocolate cake.

Gerry was a true renaissance man. A graduate of both Lincoln High in Portland and Cambridge in the U.K., he made his mark as a successful haberdasher, restaurateur, politician, and World War II veteran. But we all knew his true loves: Oregon and a great piece of cake. Gerry used the best chocolate cake in the world to bring us together at the State fair, a contest he selflessly judged annually for 60 years. He kept a terrific restaurant and retailer called Gerry Frank's Konditorei which paired delicious Oregon food with that cake. And he went to bat for Oregon community organizations of every size and shape, saying, "How much cake do you need to give a good cause a boost?"

After the family business of Meier & Frank was sold in 1965, Gerry turned to politics, joining Senator Mark Hatfield's office. Gerry's politics were always pretty simple. He would ask, "Is that idea fair? Does it make sense? And is it a part of Oregon's long tradition of

welcoming fresh approaches to tackling big challenges?" For almost 20 years Gerry worked as Mark Hatfield's chief of staff, gaining the nickname "Oregon's Third Senator," for his dogged work ethic and devotion to Oregonians. Gerry is an incredible testament to what we call back home the Oregon Way: where we put aside partisan leanings to get things done for our State.

After leaving politics, Gerry followed his passion for meeting new people and seeing new places. A talented writer, he was the travel columnist at the Oregonian newspaper for many years and published multiple books, including one of my personal favorites: "Gerry Frank's Oregon."

Gerry, a man of many talents and passions, never forgot about his home in Salem. Despite travelling to over 150 countries, he always returned home in time for some of Oregon's beloved traditions, including the State fair and the Rose Festival. In 2019 the Gerry Frank Salem Rotary Amphitheater was built in his name, just another testament to the impact Gerry had on his community as a lifelong Rotarian and lover of live music. And soon, Providence Health in Portland will complete the Gerry Frank Center for Children's Care in his memory.

The State of Oregon will not forget Gerry Frank, and neither will I. While his passing brings us sadness, it also brings us gratitude for his tireless work to make Oregon a better place to call home. I honor the illustrious life of Gerry Frank and unforgettable legacy he left in our State for generations to come.

#### RECOGNIZING THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME 2021 INDUCTEES

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam President, it is my honor to officially congratulate the Country Music Hall of Fame 2021 inductees. This past weekend I was fortunate enough to attend their Medallion Ceremony and help welcome The Judds, Ray Charles, Eddie Bayers, and Pete Drake into country music's closest circle of friends.

Naomi and Wynonna Judd, 2021's Modern Era Artist inductees, were one of country music's most cherished duos. The story of how they became The Judds reads like something out of a movie script: a mama and her daughter change their names, move to Nashville, and land a record deal after a chance encounter with a hit producer. I, like thousands of their fans, was absolutely heartbroken when Naomi's life came to an end just 1 day before she was to receive her medallion, but her story lives on in the generations of female artists she inspired and through Wynonna's ongoing, stunning contributions to country music.

Few artists in living memory have taken more risks and earned more respect than Ray Charles, 2021's Veterans Era Artist inductee. Ray's timeless